

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 4 with the following paragraph:

Figure 2 shows a functional layer 4, a leveling layer 5, as well as in the area of the through-opening 2, a provided metal ring element 6, that is supplied with a flange stopper element 7 that forms a profiled body. The functional layer 4 is made from spring steel. The leveling layer 5 is supplied on the surface 4' of the functional layer 4 that is facing away from the stopper element 7. The leveling layer covers a portion of the functional layer 4 and is spaced radially outwardly from the through opening 2 to provide an uncovered portion of the functional layer 4 immediately adjacent the through-opening 2. The flange stopper element 7 is radially aligned with the uncovered portion of the functional layer 4.